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PREFACE

Disastrous fires in 1819 and in 1838 destroyed the major part of the records, books and papers of the Supreme Council during the early years of its existence.

The anti-Masonic movement, which began about 1826, resulted in a quiescent period of all Masonic bodies and their activities, which lasted until the year 1840, when the revival of Masonic work commenced in earnest.

The loss of correspondence and reports of Masonic doings caused by negligence or carelessness through these many years was very unfortunate.

From data that escaped the flames and from material gathered from many sources, and after much research and labor, there has been prepared the following authentic chronological history of the Mother Supreme Council of the World up to 1859.

Some of the references may seem trivial, but every item mentioned has its significance.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master were originally under the control of the Supreme Council, and that is why there will be found here and there something about them.

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A CHRONOLOGICAL STATEMENT

Activities of the Supreme Council (Mother Supreme Council of the World) of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, from its founding on May 31, 1801, to January 3, 1859, when Albert Pike became Grand Commander.

1801

May 31 Supreme Council founded.

June 1 Abraham Jacobs, at that time in Savannah, Ga., conferred Scottish Rite degrees there.

13 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.

15 Emanuel De La Motta received 33°.

16 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.

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July 1 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.

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4 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.

5 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.

Warrant issued by Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem to the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, Charleston, S. C.

Constitution issued for this Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection.

As early as this date Thomas B. Bowen was an Active member.

- 11 Rules and by-laws adopted by the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, Charleston, S. C.
- 17 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
- 26 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
- 29 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
- Sep.* 23 Frederick Dalcho, Active member, and Grand Orator of the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, Charleston, delivered an oration before that body and the symbolic Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, which was printed, and dedicated to John Mitchell "President of the Supreme Council of Masons in the United States."
- Nov.* 1 At a meeting of Scottish Rite Masons in Savannah, Ga., it was announced that "Emanuel De La Motta . . . member of the Supreme Council of the 33 in Charleston, had arrived in this city, and proposed that a committee from this body should wait on him and tender him an invitation to visit us this evening, and request his attendance . . . They waited on the Illustrious Bro. . . . and reported that Bro. De La Motta's indisposition prevented his attendance, but would as soon as his health would permit."
- 2 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
- 3 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
- 9 Meeting of Scottish Rite Masons, Savannah, Ga. De La Motta was present, and his assistance was requested in their obtaining a warrant and constitution for the establishment of a Lodge of Perfection.
- 12 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
- 15 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga., and the members agreed "to put themselves under the protection of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem in Charleston, S. C."

- Dec.* 6 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
- 13 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
- 26 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.

1802

- Jan.* 10 Isaac Auld admitted Active member.
- 21 Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem at Charleston, granted a charter for the establishment of American Eagle Mark Lodge No. 1, at Charleston.
Israel De Lieben appears as an Active member.
Count De Grasse received 33°, and the Supreme Council issued Letters of Credence to him certifying him to be Grand Commander for life in the French West Indies.
- Apr.* 11 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
- 19 Frederick Dalcho appointed Representative of the Supreme Council of the French West Indies, established by De Grasse.
- May* 9 Moses Clava Levy admitted an Active member.
- Aug.* 2 Supreme Council issued a patent certifying Count De Grasse its Deputy and appointing him their Representative in the French West Indies.
- 3 James Moultrie admitted an Active member.
- Oct.* 10 Session of the Supreme Council.
About this date the Annual Register of the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection was published in Charleston, giving also a list of the members of the Supreme Council.
- Nov.* 16 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
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- 19 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.

- 20 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, Savannah, Ga.
- 21 Convention of "Sublime Masons" at Savannah, which decided to apply to the Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem in South Carolina for a charter and constitution under their jurisdiction, a form of petition adopted and it was resolved to write De La Motta to use his influence in obtaining the charter.
- 23 Meeting of the Scottish Rite committee in Savannah which drew up a form of petition for a Lodge of Perfection, to be dated November 24, 1802.
- 24 The petition was forwarded.
- Dec. 4 The Supreme Council issued its famous "Manifesto" to the Masonic powers of the world.
- 15 The Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem at Charleston granted the charter for a Lodge of Perfection, Savannah, Ga.
- 30 The Scottish Rite Masons in Savannah met to receive the warrant of constitution "by the name of the Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Lodge No. 2." The warrant was read and the officers installed.

1803

- Feb. 27 A new warrant was issued to American Eagle Mark Lodge No. 1 at Charleston.
- Mar. 21 Frederick Dalcho, Active member and Grand Master of the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, delivered an oration, which was printed and contained a copy of the famous "Manifesto" issued by the Supreme Council December 4, 1802.

1804

- July 29 Supreme Council authorized the establishment of Scottish Rite bodies in New Orleans, La.; issued a patent to J. B. M. Delahogue certifying him to be a Sov.'s Gr.'s Insp.'s General.

- Sep. 23 Abraham Jacobs who had moved from Georgia to New York City, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on a Joseph Jacobs.
- Oct. 4 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees, and on this occasion said (referring to his papers) "In case of my death, return them to the Supreme Council at Charleston, So. Carolina."
- 7 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- 15 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- 28 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- 31 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.

1805

- Mar. 3 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- 31 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- June 2 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- 4 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- 6 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- 18 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- 20 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- July 5 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.

1806

- Jan. 19 Jacobs conferred several Scottish Rite degrees on Thomas Lownds "in expectation of establishing the orders in this city." [N. Y.]
- Feb. 2 Jacobs conferred further Scottish Rite degrees on Lownds.

- July* 8 Jacobs said "Finding myself very ill, sent for Bro. Joseph Jacobs and conferred on him the degree of Knight of the Sun, delivered him a certificate, check book and the key of my papers; also ordered what to do with them in case of my death."

1807

"Anthems to be performed in the Sublime Grand Lodge of South Carolina," printed.

"The Free-Mason's Vocal Assistant and Register of the Lodges of Masons in South Carolina and Georgia," published at Charleston this year, contains the names of the members of the Supreme Council.

Frederick Dalcho, in the appendix to his "Oration delivered in the Sublime Grand Lodge," says: "Besides those degrees which are in regular succession, most of the Inspectors are in possession of a number of detached degrees."

Joseph Dickinson is listed as an Active member.

- Dec.* 31 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.

1808

- Jan.* 3 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
 5 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
 7 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
 10 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
 14 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
 17 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
 20 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
 25 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
Feb. 4 Isaac Moses who had received the degrees "signed his submission and received his certificate."

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- Mar.* 27 "Sampson Simson signed his submission, received his certificate and copies of the degrees as far as Prince of Jerusalem, with plates."

Aug. — Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.

- 4 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
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The Scottish Rite Masons in New York City, under the direction of Abraham Jacobs, formed a convention in order to elect officers for a Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Sublime Lodge of Perfection.

- 29 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.
- 31 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.

Nov. 1 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.

- 3 Jacobs conferred Scottish Rite degrees.

The Scottish Rite Masons in New York City held a meeting agreeably to a resolution of October 26, with Abraham Jacobs present, "had their certificates signed and subscribed their names to the submission." The officers of the Council Princes of Jerusalem and Lodge of Perfection were "installed and organized and closed."

- 6 The Council Princes of Jerusalem held a meeting, with Abraham Jacobs present, as also the Deputy Inspector General, John G. Tardy, and others, and the proceedings in connection with the organization of the Scottish Rite bodies, were sanctioned and approved.
- 11 A committee from the spurious (Cerneau) Council Princes of Jerusalem, in New York City, headed by Joseph Cerneau himself, called on Abraham Jacobs "to desire his attendance on them as they were then sitting," when he replied "I know no such body of men but the one I had established" and that "it was out of my power to wait on them."

- 13 Abraham Jacobs writing from New York City "To the Thrice Illustrious and respectable Col. John Mitchell, Grand Commander of the thirty-third, officers and members composing the Supreme Council in the Grand East of Charleston, South Carolina," states that he has conferred the Sublime Degrees on Master Masons there and established a Council of Princes of Jerusalem" and that "I commenced this business on the 4th of October, 1804 and have been regularly progressing till its present accomplishment . . . and flatter myself from their legality, you will give your assent and support to the infant institution in this metropolis," and that "A committee has been appointed by this Council to address you."
- 19 Jacobs conferred the degree of Select Masons of Twenty-seven on Moses Levy Maduro Peixotto.
- 26 Jacobs conferred the degree of Select Masons of Twenty-seven on John James Joseph Gourgas and John Baptist Desdoity.

1809

- Apr.* 2 Abraham Jacobs was one of the signers on an endorsement by the Grand Consistory, New York City, on the back of the warrant of the Lodge of Perfection.

1813

- Aug.* 5 Emanuel De La Motta, then in New York, conferred the 33° on John James Joseph Gourgas and others, and organized the Northern Supreme Council.
- 23 Letter from Grand Commander John Mitchell, to Emanuel De La Motta in New York, regarding the Cerneau Scottish Rite bodies there.
Letter from Frederick Dalcho to De La Motta on the same subject.
Certificate issued by the Supreme Council to the effect that Emanuel De La Motta had received the 33° June 15, 1801, and that he was authorized to establish bodies of the Rite "over the surface of the two hemispheres."

- Sep.* 1 Letter from Dalcho to De La Motta expressing the hope that he will exert his authority as a lawful Inspector, presumably in connection with the notorious Cerneau operating in New York.
- 14 Emanuel De La Motta and several others called on Joseph Cerneau in New York City in regard to the latter's spurious Scottish Rite.
De La Motta certified to the genuineness of Dalcho's letter of September 1st.
- 15 De La Motta called on Hon. DeWitt Clinton in regard to the latter's connection with the Cerneau Scottish Rite.
- 21 De La Motta issued a manifesto against Joseph Cerneau and declared the bodies created by him in New York City, irregular and unlawful; also declaring that the Grand Consistory established by J. J. J. Gourgass and others in New York City to be lawful and approved by the Southern Supreme Council.
- Dec.* 24 The Supreme Council approves De La Motta's manifesto of September 21st.

1814

- Jan.* — Denunciation of Cerneau by De La Motta, and his expulsion.
- 17 Letter from officers of the Grand Consistory in New York to De La Motta regarding the denunciation of Cerneau.
- 31 Copy of De La Motta's circular of September 21, 1813, sent to the Supreme Council of France.
- Feb.* 5 Letter of Stephen Deblois of Newport, R. I., to De La Motta refusing to consider Joseph Cerneau as an impostor.
- 6 Letter of John A. Shaw of Newport, R. I., to De La Motta refusing to consider Cerneau as an impostor.

- 7 Northern Supreme Council requested the Southern Council to define the boundary between the two Supreme Councils.
- 28 The spurious Cerneau bodies in New York issued a circular in rejoinder to the mandate of E. De La Motta declaring Cerneau an impostor.
- May* 1 The officers of the Northern Supreme Council attested the proceedings at the institution of their Supreme Council by E. De La Motta.
- 21 Notice to the world by the Northern Supreme Council of its opening under the auspices of the Southern Council, and "forming the second Grand and Supreme Council . . . in the United States of America."
- June* 24 Jacob De La Motta, son of Emanuel De La Motta, made a 33rd in Northern Supreme Council. Later affiliated with the Southern Council.
- Aug.* 1 Letter to De La Motta from Mamour, Sr., at New Orleans.
- 27 Letter to De La Motta from Lussan, 33°, New Orleans.
- Sep.* 5 De La Motta issues a lengthy historical circular as a rejoinder to a circular issued by the spurious Scottish Rite body in New York.
- 28 De La Motta issued a document regarding Joseph Cerneau and the spurious Scottish Rite bodies established by him in New Orleans, La.

1815

Sometime this year an address was delivered to the Council of Princes of Jerusalem in Charleston, S. C. Sometime this year, D. D. Tompkins and others from the Northern Supreme Council sent a letter to De La Motta asking "to furnish us as speedily as you possibly can with all such documents, &c, &c, &c, and instructions as you know we stand in absolute need of."

- Jan.* 15 Notice to the world of the establishment of the Northern Supreme Council by De La Motta.
- May* 2 Frederick Dalcho, writing from Charleston, S. C., to A. L. Moret, New York, said, among other things "The Supreme Grand Council of the 33d degree in this city have, from their first establishment until this day, continued to meet for the dispatch of business whenever it was deemed necessary."
- July* 3 Letter from J. J. Gourgas, at this time Secretary General of the Northern Supreme Council, to Emanuel De La Motta at Charleston, among other things saying:
 "We should as soon as possible make ourselves known to all the other Councils over the surface of the two hemispheres, as duly and legally formed and established by you, most Ill. Br., and under the happy auspices of your Supr. Gd. Council at Charleston."
 "You will receive herewith a communication from the brethren in New Orleans; they met on the 4th of last April for the retaking of their Sublime Works. You will observe . . . that your communications were read and received with gratitude and a triple vivat in your honor, &c, &c, &c, but on account of the situation of affairs there by the malignant and calumnious reports spread about by Joseph Cerneau and his adherents they had deemed it more prudent not to reopen their works until you send them from the Supreme Council at Charleston a constitutional patent on parchment, in ample form, under the title of Grand Council of S. P. R. S. for Upper and Lower Louisiana, to that effect you will also find herewith their petition and submission to your Supreme Council."
 "Whatever expenses you may be at for procuring and sending us the copies and documents, &c, we so much stand in need of, shall punctually be remitted by our Supreme Council."
- 10 Letter from the Grand Council of Kingston, Jamaica, per S. Morales, to De La Motta, concerning Joseph Cerneau.

- Nov.* 30 Communication from the "Grand Lodge Astrea" at St. Petersburg, Russia, asking the Supreme Council for "its fraternal friendship."

1816

- Oct.* 30 George Ellisen, Secretary of the Imperial Russian Legation to the United States, writes that he has been charged by the Grand Lodge Astrea, at St. Petersburg, Russia, to deliver to the Supreme Council at Charleston, a packet, lately received by him from Russia, and transmits the same. Dated at Philadelphia this date.

1817

- June* — Letter from the Grand Lodge Astrea in St. Petersburg, Russia, asking for fraternal intercourse with the Mother Supreme Council, as its letter of November 30, 1815, had probably been lost.

1819

- July* 6 Copies of "Secret Constitutions of 33d" &c, destroyed by fire.

1820

Printed blank, filled in, to the effect that Dyer Pearl had received all the degrees up to the 32°, dated at Nashville, Tenn. (day and month not filled in) and signed by John Barker as Sov. Gr. Inspector General.

1822

- Feb.* 9 Session of the Supreme Council.
 Charters issued for the establishment of a Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Chapter of Rose Croix, at Charleston.
 Frederick Dalcho retires as Grand Commander.

- Mar.* — Moses Holbrook writes a letter to Grand Commander Tompkins of the Northern Supreme Council concerning the Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction.
- May* 3 Peter Javain, of Charleston, a Cerneau Mason issues a letter regarding Joseph M'Cosh, printed in the "Southern Patriot."
- 6 M'Cosh replies to Javain in the "Charleston Mercury."
- 7 Javain replies to M'Cosh in the "Charleston Mercury."
- 8 M'Cosh replies to this attack in the "Charleston Mercury."
- July* 15 Letter from Holbrook to J. J. J. Gourgass of Northern Jurisdiction.
- Oct.* — Adoniram Council No. 1, R. S. M. organized at Augusta, Ga.
- Nov.* 15 Horatio Gates Street admitted an Active member.
Moses Holbrook admitted an Active member.
- 17 Alexander McDonald admitted an Active member.
Joseph M'Cosh admitted an Active member.

1823

- Joseph M'Cosh, Active member, published at Charleston "Documents upon Sublime Free-Masonry."
- Jacob De La Motta, son of Emanuel De La Motta, admitted an Active member.
- May* 13 John Barker admitted an Active member.
- Dec.* 1 Moses Holbrook wrote to John Fowler of Ireland, concerning a Supreme Council for that country.
- 30 Supreme Council incorporated by the South Carolina legislature.

1824

- Augusta Consistory at Augusta, Ga., established.
By-Laws of the Sublime Grand Lodge and Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem printed.
- June* 24 Certificate issued to Jeremy L. Cross certifying him to be a Sov. Grand Inspector General and member of the Supreme Council.
- Aug.* 13 Supreme Council issued letters patent constituting the Supreme Council of Ireland.
- Sep.* 16 Session of the Supreme Council.
- Oct.* 4 Holbrook notes that there had been no meeting of the Supreme Council "owing to the fever which now rages."
- 26 Letters patent of 32° issued to Isaac Da Costa.
- Nov.* 16 Supreme Council granted a charter for a Consistory at Albany, N. Y.
Supreme Council granted a charter to Virginia Consistory at Lynchburg, Va.

1825

- The Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern jurisdictions recognized and confirmed the Grand Lodge of Perfection at Albany, N. Y.
- Jan.* 16 John Barker, Active member, conferred Scottish Rite degrees on several members of Virginia Consistory at Lynchburg.
- Feb.* 7 Moses Holbrook, writing from Charleston to Giles Fonda Yates, Schenectady, N. Y., says that charters were preparing for Consistories in Boston, Mass., Lynchburg, Va., Augusta, Ga., and Alabama, and that the Supreme Council established in New York "have not had a meeting, to the best of my knowledge, for ten years."

- 16 Warrants issued for Organization of Scottish Rite bodies in Boston, Mass.
- Mar. 30 John Roche admitted an Active member.
Joseph Eveleth admitted an Active member.
- May 7 The *Masonic Mirror and Mechanics Intelligencer*, of Boston, Mass., under this date prints a list of the officers of the Supreme Council at Charleston, S. C., of the Lodge of Perfection, of the Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem, of the Grand Consistory and of Adoniram Council, R. S. M.
- 30 Patent issued to Isaac T. Cushing, certifying that he is a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.
- July 14 Letter from Holbrook to Giles Fonda Yates of New York, in which he tells Yates of translating documents, receipt of foreign Masonic books and that he would endeavor soon to furnish Yates with translations of 17th to 22nd degrees, etc.
- Sep. 7 Letter from Holbrook to Yates in which he speaks of sending Yates "another bundle," in which "you will find 18, 19, 20, 21."
- Oct. 24 Giles Fonda Yates admitted Active member. He later joined the Northern Supreme Council.

1826

Giles Fonda Yates about this time was constituted and accredited the "representative" of the Southern near the Northern Supreme Council.

- Jan. 4 Augusta Consistory at Augusta, Ga., organized.
- 9 Patent issued to Isaac N. David, certifying him to be a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

- 28 Letter from Holbrook to Yates saying that "sometime since wrote to S. Simson, R. Riker, J. J. J. Gourgas and M. L. M. Peixotto. I have received no answer. I forwarded a resolution of this Supreme Council. As they have never written a line to the Supreme Council for thirteen years, we have kindly reminded them of their neglect. It will be followed by further resolution upon the subject, founded upon their reply if they should deign to make one," and referring to some book which Yates had in mind to publish.
- 30 Letter from Holbrook to Grand Commander Gourgas of Northern Supreme Council, in which he says "Several notices have at different times been communicated to members of the New York Supreme Council, but there is nothing in the archives of this Supreme Council from yours or from any of its members, for the last thirteen years." Also gives list of members of the Southern Supreme Council at this time.
- Apr. 10 Letter from Holbrook to Yates in New York, regarding the meaning of some ciphers and saying he had just received a package from the Northern Supreme Council containing a document which it would be premature for him to express an opinion until it had been submitted to the Supreme Council.
- May 2 The Grand Council of Georgia, R. S. M., ordered a copy of its proceedings sent to the Supreme Council at Charleston.
- 11 Letter from the Supreme Council to Northern Supreme Council on Masonic affairs and referring to the composition of the Supreme Council, of "nine members."
- 31 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas concerning Cerneauism in Charleston and mentioning "MSS." in possession of some of the members.

- Aug.* 2 Letter from Holbrook to J. M. Allen of New York, chiefly referring to the participation of the Masonic fraternity and other organizations in a funeral procession in honor of Thomas Jefferson.
- 18 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgass, mentioning Cerneau trouble in South Carolina, referring to MSS. of the Supreme Council and that John Fowler of the Supreme Council of Ireland "used to correspond here for near 20 yrs."
- Sep.* 6 Document from Northern Supreme Council on Scottish Rite matters and regarding limits of jurisdiction and saying "We thank you most Ill. Brothers for your wise elucidations on many important points in which we agree with you sincerely."
- 22 Session of the Supreme Council.
- Oct.* 5 Letter from Gourgass to Holbrook in which he says "We agree so well in some important points, in particular your exertions to obtain some irrevocable will or deed, &c, &c, &c, respecting the copies of degrees, documents and all kind of papers thereto relating . . . I beg you to persist until the ground is fully gained . . . From the date of your first . . . From the date of your first balustrade 30th 11th m/m 5825, until this, we have not rec'd from any one either applications or returns of any kind."
- 23 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgass in which he mentions the death of Dr. Isaac Auld, "our Grand Commander."
- 26 Extra session of the Supreme Council on account of the death of Grand Commander Auld.
Letter to Northern Supreme Council, relating to jurisdiction.
- 27 Moses Holbrook became Grand Commander.
- 28 Cornelius C. Sebring admitted Active member.

- Nov.* 6 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgass, referring to death of Isaac Auld "who had been a member of the Supreme Council for nearly 25 years," incorporation of the Supreme Council, possessing certain rituals, etc.
- Dec.* 5 Gourgass writes Southern Council regarding jurisdiction of the two Councils.
- 27 Session of the Supreme Council.

1827

Patent to Henry C. Atwood certifying to his being in possession of all the degrees from 1-33°.

- Jan.* 8 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgass in which the former mentions his illness and refers to MSS. in the possession of the Supreme Council.
- Mar.* 1 Communication from the Northern Supreme Council accepting the allotment of States to Northern Jurisdiction and request that Delaware be added.
- 3 Letter from John Fowler of Ireland to Gourgass, regarding cipher work and incidentally referring to Moses Holbrook.
- 10 Letter from Gourgass to Holbrook, seeking information as to organization, fees, etc.
- 22 Session of the Supreme Council in which it relinquishes its jurisdiction over the Consistory at Albany, N. Y., to the Northern Supreme Council, as also the bodies in Boston, Mass.
- 26 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgass, referring to fees charged candidates, receipt of a letter from Gen. Lafayette, etc.
- 29 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgass, giving extracts of documents which established the Lodge of Perfection at Albany, N. Y., in 1767, and saying that the charter for the Consistory there was dated Nov. 16, 1824.

- Apr.* 21 There were Scottish Rite bodies at Claiborne, Ala., as early as this date.
- 29 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, referring to John Fowler of the Supreme Council of Ireland, to the Supreme Council of France, etc.
- May* 17 Holbrook wrote from Charleston to the Consistory at Albany, N. Y., relinquishing jurisdiction of the Southern Supreme Council over it and placing it under the Northern Supreme Council, agreeably to the resolution of the Supreme Council passed March 22, 1827.
- 20 John Barker, Active member, granted to Perez Snell authority to confer the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master.
Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook on ritualistic and cipher matters.
- 26 Patent issued to Perez Snell, certifying to his having received the Scottish Rite degrees.
Patent issued to Perez Snell authorizing him to confer the Royal and Select degrees.
Petition to John Barker for the establishment of an encampment of Knights Templar at Claiborne, Ala.
- 29 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook referring to the French Supreme Council, John Fowler of Ireland, etc.
- June* 6 Letter from the Southern to the Northern Supreme Council, relative to Joseph Cerneau, Henry Andrew Francken, and jurisdiction of the two Supreme Councils.
- 7 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letters of May 29 and June 16, 1827, in which Gourgas acknowledges a "packet" from Holbrook.
- 11 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas furnishing him with a copy of Francken's power to Samuel Stringer at Albany, N. Y., to confer the Scottish Rite degrees, and stating further "I send by the bearer copies which were alluded to in our last Baluster of the Manuscripts—

No. 3—goes to 27th inclusive, as we have them . . . We have 6 or 7 different copies of 28 of which you will find one copied at page 56 'No. 1' 30 and 31, as we have them . . . you will find on some loose leaves in 'No. 3'. 29 at page 128, 'No. 2' 32 at page 117 'No. 2'."

- 16 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, referring to a visit from Yates, etc.
- July* 8 Gourgas wrote to Holbrook saying that his Supreme Council in session had accepted the agreement relative to jurisdiction.
Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook regarding secret constitutions, cahier of the 33d degree, list of degrees of which he has rituals, among them Select Mason of 27, Mark Master, Dublin Royal Arch, etc., and asking for a copy of Dalcho's "Achi Man Ratzon," evidently meaning Dalcho's book *Abiman Rezon*.
- 19 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook containing abstracts from a letter of Giles F. Yates.
- 21 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, with Tableau of Consistory at St. Pierre, Martinique.
- 23 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of August 4, 1827.
- 27 John Barker, Active member, instituted a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Nashville, Tenn.
- 28 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook on the condition of American Masonry.
- 29 Balustre from Southern to Northern Supreme Council, ritualistic and other matters.
- Aug.* 1 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas regarding obligations for the secret constitutions, &c.
- 3 Letter from Holbrook to a brother, James M. Allen of Albany, N. Y., on Scottish Rite matters.

- 4 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook regarding a package of MSS. sent by Holbrook, but a "P.S." states he has received it.
 - 21 Letter from Giles F. Yates of Schenectady to Gourgas in New York City, in which he says "I did not receive from him [Holbrook] a copy of the 'secret constitutions of the 33d' &c was because the copies they had at Charleston, S. C., were destroyed with other papers by fire July 6th, 1819."
 - 22 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas, as appears from his acknowledgment of September 15, 1827.
 - 24 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's acknowledgment of September 15, 1827.
 - 27 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook regarding variances in copies of the constitution of 1762 and 1786 and asking the loan of the original MSS. of the 33°, and referring to MSS. of the 23, 24, 25, 26th degrees which De La Motta had promised to send him in 1813-14.
- Sep.* 10 Giles F. Yates, writing to Gourgas, and speaking of Holbrook, said "I judge from his letters and the testimony of gentlemen from Charleston, S. C., whom I have seen, I must pronounce him the best of men and Masons. I have corresponded with him a good deal, and have derived great pleasure and profit from his communications. He has put himself to a great deal of trouble to serve me. He has sent me translations from several Spanish authors on Masonic subjects, which must have taken him weeks and months to transcribe, so that I cannot be too grateful to him.
- 15 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook acknowledging Holbrook's letters of 22nd and 24th ultimo.
 - 18 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook sending some ritualistic references and quotations.
 - 26 Letters of constitution issued for a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Louisville, Ky.

- 29 Gourgas acknowledges a letter from Holbrook in his letter to the latter of October, 1827.
 - 30 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, with copies of letters from Thomas McGill and John Fowler, containing explanations of cipher proposed to be used.
- Oct.* — John Barker, Active member, opened a Council of Royal and Select Masters, at Cincinnati, O.
- 18 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook regarding the manner of sending him some MSS., and as to returning some MSS. Holbrook had loaned him, and the fate of Count De Grasse.
 - 20 Holbrook acknowledges letter of Gourgas of September 30, 1827.
 - 25 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook regarding an application for a charter for an encampment of Knights Templar and Royal Arch chapter, which he had received, for the consistory at St. Pierre, Martinique.
 - 31 Balustre from the Northern to the Southern Supreme Council accepting the allotment of states to the Northern Supreme Council, etc., and naming them.
- Nov.* 7 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook regarding the departure of Joseph Cerneau for France.
- 15 Gourgas sends to Holbrook copies of letters of Frederick Dalcho to E. De La Motta in New York, dated August 23 and September 1, 1813, and to A. L. Moret in New York, dated August 2, 1815; also copy of letter of John Mitchell to De La Motta, dated August 23 and December 24, 1813.
 - 16 Holbrook answers Gourgas letter of September 30, 1827.
 - 22 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook; departure of Cerneau, historical of Grand Orient of France, and copy of letter from A. L. Moret, Paris.

- 24 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas, as appears from the latter's letter of November —, 1827.
- 29 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas, saying "Wm. M. Dyre [John Mitchell's son-in-law] had all the MSS., including 33° . . . with regard to copying the Order of the Temple, they are the property of this Supreme Council . . . I cannot imagine why your Inspectors may not have the perusing of them."

Dec. — Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, with extract referring to the Order of the Temple at Paris.

4 Session of the Supreme Council.

Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, wanting rituals of Knighthood, Maltese Order, Mediterranean Pass, that he may confer these degrees under the Supreme Council.

- 13 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook asking for copies of the "Orders of Knighthood, Templarism, &c, or any other various old MSS."

- 17 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of January 10, 1828.

- 22 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of January 10, 1828.

- 24 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas in which he said (speaking of Jeremy L. Cross), "He . . . somehow or other got hold of a large bundle of Sublime MSS., and among other degrees was one which they called 'a Grand 33d' . . . Of Yates I hear nothing—from Boston not a word."

- 26 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of January 10, 1828.

1828

Albert G. Mackey, writing on the Royal and Select Masters' degrees, said: "In 1828, a communication was made by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland

to the other Grand Chapters of the United States, requesting them to take into consideration the expediency of reassuming jurisdiction over these degrees. The matter was, in South Carolina, referred to a committee, who reported adversely, and a resolution was adopted unanimously, declaring that, in the opinion of the Grand Chapter, it was 'improper and inexpedient to a jurisdiction of these degrees, and thus interfere with the rights and privileges of our Brethren and Companions in another and higher order of Freemasonry'—that is, as the report states, the Ancient Scotch rite."

- Jan.* 10 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, returning a bundle of MSS., thanking him for certain lectures, and wanting works on Past High Priest, Mediterranean Pass, Christian Mark, Holy Sepulchre "and any orders of Knighthood."

- 17 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook stating that he was returning four MSS. books, which the latter had loaned him "being the balance of what you have been kind to loan me."

- Feb.* 18 Giles Fonda Yates, writing to Gourgas from Schenectady, N. Y., said "Br. Holbrook once gave me a complete form of a return."

- Mar.* 6 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook saying he was sending him some Masonic books received from abroad.

- 17 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas, as appears from a notation on the latter's letter of March 6, 1828.

- 19 J. H. Holland of New Orleans wrote Holbrook regarding the Scottish Rite there.

- 20 Session of the Supreme Council and action approving the jurisdiction of the Northern Supreme Council, and saying "No copies of the 33° have ever been given or allowed to be taken by any Inspector in either jurisdiction."

- 24 Giles Fonda Yates, at Schenectady, N. Y., writing to Gourgas said "Our Charleston friends enquired whether we wished to have authority given to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master. We answered in the affirmative . . . If it be objected that our authority has been recognized, acknowledged, confirmed, and settled by the Supreme Council of the 33°, &c, sitting at Charleston, S. C., we did not know till subsequently that a Northern Supreme Council had been established."
- Apr.* 10 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook regarding Morgan excitement, Joseph Cerneau, and thanking Holbrook for the "Mediterranean Pass," and requesting him to send others he had promised.
- 19 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas, as appears from the latter's letter of May 1, 1828.
- May* 1 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook; anti-Masonic excitement in New York, etc.
- 12 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas, as appears from the latter's acknowledgment of May 29, 1828.
- 29 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, dealing with the Supreme Council of France, anti-Masonic times, Frederick the Great, etc.
- June* 20 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, referring to the anti-Masonic times and Giles F. Yates.
- 21 Session of the Supreme Council, which issues a document agreeing to jurisdiction of the Northern Supreme Council.
- 30 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas answering the latter's letter of May 29, 1828.
- Aug.* 9 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, referring to Cerneau and asking for loan of "detached degrees of Knighthood," etc.

- 18 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook asking where Henry Fowle got his Scottish Rite degrees; spurious Supreme Council, proposed regulations for visiting brethren, etc.
- Sep.* 8 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, containing copy of letter of De Grasse, dated at Paris June 17, 1828, in which he refers to the poor condition of the order in France, and his own poverty.
- 18 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook relative to the Grand Orient of France and the Supreme Council of Rites.
- 19 Letter from John Fowler of Ireland to Holbrook, acknowledging certain pamphlets sent him and about the formation of a Masonic library.
- Oct.* 7 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook asking the latter to send him the "required documents, &c."
- 11 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook asking for names and address of "Souverain Sénat Maconnique" at Kingston, Jamaica, and if Holbrook is in correspondence with the Sublime Consistory at New Orleans, established in the name of the Southern Supreme Council by E. De La Motta.
- 16 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of November 13, 1828.
- 17 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas in answer to the latter's letter of November 13, 1828.
- 20 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook regarding a balustre to be forwarded to the "Grand and Supreme Council at Kingston, Jamaica."
- 23 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letters of November 6 and 13, 1828.
- 30 Letter from J. H. Holland, New Orleans, to Gourgas, in which he says "but from a more attentive perusal I concluded that your Grand Council must be a branch of the one in Charleston."

- Nov.* 6 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook referring to the reply of the Supreme Council of France to "our conjoint balustre of May 1, 1827."
- 9 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, giving a translation of the document sent to Northern and Southern Supreme Councils by Supreme Council of France, in answer to the balustre sent them May 1, 1827.
- 13 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, acknowledging letters from the latter, concerning balustre from Grand Orient of France, Cerneau's spurious Supreme Council, etc.
- 17 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of January 8, 1829.
- 22 Letter from Gourgas to John H. Holland at New Orleans, respecting condition of Masonry there, especially the Scottish Rite, and referring to Moses Holbrook and the Southern Supreme Council.
- 27 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, concerning the Supreme Council of France.
- Dec.* 17 Notice from the Supreme Council certifying to the correctness of a communication from the **Grand College** of Rites in France, addressed jointly to the Northern and Southern Supreme Councils.
- Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of January 8, 1829.
- 19 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of January 8, 1829.
- 29 Letter from the Count De Grasse in Paris to Northern Supreme Council, in which he says: "I thank you also, and with the warmest gratitude, for having recalled me to the memory of my former brethren of Charleston. Please tell them that I shall never forget them as long as I live."

Translation of a letter from Grand Orient of France to Northern Supreme Council, sent with notes by Gourgas to Holbrook.

- Jan.* 8 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, acknowledging letters from him of the 17th November and 17th and 19th December, 1828, and regretting his [Holbrook's] illness, and concerning the Supreme Council of France.
- 13 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, referring to John Barker, answer of Southern Council to Council in France, cipher not communicated to them, disapproval of traveling lecturers.
- 17 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears on a notation of the latter's letter of January 8, 1829.
- 22 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook referring to John Barker's travels in the South, etc.
- Feb.* 10 Session of the Supreme Council. Perez Snell commended for his work and new authority granted to continue it. Patent issued to Perez Snell authorizing him to confer Scottish Rite and detached degrees.
- 17 Snell acknowledged receipt of patent to confer the degrees.
- 20 Warrant issued authorizing the establishment of a Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem at New Orleans, La.
- 30 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas referring to John Mitchell and Frederick Dalcho and as being a sufferer "from the dengue."
- Apr.* 2 About this time a Lodge of Perfection was established at Port Gibson, Miss.
- 6 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of April 25, 1829.

- 11 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, wanting De Grasse's letter and D'Obernay's manifesto.
- 14 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of April 25, 1829.
- 25 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, presumably in regard to John Barker, Active member.
- 27 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook as appears from the former's letter of April 11, 1829.
- June* 7 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, referring to anti-Masons in Rochester, N. Y.; certain books recommended; receipt of Balustre for France acknowledged.
- 12 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's acknowledgment of August 6, 1829.
- 18 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's acknowledgment of August 6, 1829.
- Aug.* 6 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, acknowledging receipt of letters from him of the 12th and 18th of June, 1829; referring to "the decorated diploma"; Cerneau, etc.
- Oct.* 2 Warrant issued for the establishment of a Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem at Natchez, Miss.
- 20 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas saying "I think I forwarded a copy of our Thirty-third certif. in print to you. I now send a heading which was prepared for Br. Levy . . . The MSS. from here in 1825 were sold by Barker to Yates . . . Our MSS. were nearly all under my own roof in three large chests. As fast as I got hold of one I secured it."
- Nov.* 5 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, referring to the Balustre sent to France was received by the Supreme Council and Grand Orient of France.

- 7 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook acknowledging letter from him of October 20, 1829; Gourgas' disapprobation of the Gen. Grand Chapter and Gen. Grand Encampment; Grand Consistory of New York defunct; Yates, Barker, etc.
- Dec.* — Session of the Supreme Council.
- 9 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas in which he says "The 23d, 24th, 25th, and 26th degrees are missing in your MSS. . . . I loan you the Baluster from Paris . . . I think you will be pleased with ours."
- 24 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook: proposes to send Grand Orient of France copy of the constitutions certified by both Supreme Councils in the United States; complains that the name of Cerneau was not struck off the list of the G. O. of France.
- Mandates and decrees of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, published at Natchez, Miss., 1829.
- 1830
- Jan.* 3 Warrant issued by Perez Snell authorizing the establishment of a Consistory at Natchez, Miss.
- 8 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's letter of January 26, 1830.
- 10 Letter from Northern Supreme Council to Grand Orient of France stating which of the states are within the jurisdiction of the Northern Supreme Council and that all the other states and territories belong to the Southern Supreme Council; with letter from Gourgas to Holbrook.
- 26 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, referring to Grand Orient of France, etc.
- Feb.* 4 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook referring to Dr. James Moultrie, etc.
- 11 Letter from Holbrook to Grand College of Rites in France, regarding reciprocal representatives.

- Mar.* 6 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas, referring to the low condition of Masonry, the anti-Masonic excitement, etc.
- 10 Letter from Holbrook transmitting copy of a letter from John H. Holland, New Orleans, inquiring as to the status of the Cerneau consistory in New York, and suggesting that the Scottish Rite in New Orleans come under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council at Charleston.
- 11 Letter from Robert Punshon of Cincinnati referring to the Councils of Royal and Select Masters established in Ohio by John Barker of the Southern Supreme Council.
- 12 Letter from David G. Seixas, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Jacob De La Motta, Active member, referring to the "higher degrees" established there by John Barker.
- 14 Session of the Supreme Council.
Charters issued for a Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem and Consistory at Natchez, Miss.
- 15 Holbrook gives directions regarding the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, intended for the members of the 33rd degree.
- 25 Certificate signed by Holbrook, referring to a session of the Supreme Council on March 14, 1830; taking action in regard to certain brethren pretending to establish bodies of the Rite without authority.
- 27 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook: Tardy (of New York) a bore and ignoramus; remarks on a letter of J. H. Holland of New Orleans; letter of February 19, 1830, to Holbrook; terms on which to receive and heal the Consistory at New Orleans, etc.
- Apr.* 4 Session of the Supreme Council.
James Eyland admitted Active member.
- 10 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook enclosing matter for some work which he wishes the two Councils to publish jointly.

- 17 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas in which he says "I have gathered MSS. from North Carolina—one complete set—and another, part only, but with all the signs and words complete. I obtained almost a full set in English from the Island of Ceylon, I presume they went from Jamaica originally."
- May* 1 Document from Northern to Southern Supreme Council, approving the correspondence which had been carried on between Gourgas and Holbrook since January 1826; Holbrook made an Honorary member of Northern Supreme Council and its representative at Charleston; extracts and annotations as to the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of France.
- 3 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas, referring to a visit to be made to New York by James Eyland, Active member, enroute to Dublin, Liverpool, and Paris.
- 17 Holbrook wrote to John H. Holland of New Orleans in reference to the Scottish Rite and suggesting how the members of the Rite there might come under the Southern Jurisdiction; also giving the date of the establishment in Charleston of the Sublime Degrees in February 1783, and of the Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem in February 1788.
- 20 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas in which he refers to a MS. of the 33° still in John Barker's possession.
- 21 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook referring to James Eyland, Active member Southern Supreme Council who visited New York enroute to Europe.
- 31 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas in which he says "Since I became a member of the Supreme Council I have kept regular notes of the transactions and am copying them into a large book. In all the subordinate bodies records are taken as carefully as in a Blue Lodge."
- June* 13 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook acknowledging his letter of May 20, 1830; date of creation of the Barracoa Consistory, April 9, 1801, by that of Kingston, Jamaica, and at Port Au Prince; from whence transferred, etc.

- 20 Session of the Supreme Council.
- 21 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas on matters of the Rite.

July 13 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, among other things saying: "As to your ever resigning your station in the Supreme Council, it is a thing, my illustrious brother, you must not think of . . . You, my illustrious brother, you have labored hard and greatly exerted yourself for years past," etc.

Aug. 12 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from a notation on the latter's letter of June 13, 1830.

21 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from a notation on the latter's letter of July 31, 1830.

Sep. 28 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook; abuse and ill condition of Masonry in New York; information as to Grand Orient of France, etc.

Oct. 30 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from a notation on the latter's letter of September 28, 1830.

1831

Jan. 1 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas in which he says "I have embraced this opportunity to present to you the compliments of the season . . . Masonry still continues at a low ebb with us."

Feb. 5 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook: extract of a letter from John Fowler of Ireland; quarrel between the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of France, etc.

Oct. 18 Letter from the Grand Orient of France to the Supreme Council: fraternal feelings to be continued.

1832

Jan. 1 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's acknowledgment of February 28, 1832.

10 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears in the latter's acknowledgment of February 13, 1832.

Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, hoping his health remains good, and forwarding him a copy of something, not stated in the letter, for his perusal and that of his Supreme Council.

20 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from the latter's acknowledgment of February 28, 1832.

21 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook; mentions the erasure in 1831 of the name of Joseph Cerneau from its registers.

Feb. 13 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, acknowledging his letters of the 1st and 10th of January, 1832, and forwarding dispatches from the Grand Orient of France intended for him.

20 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas referring to the low state of Masonry, due to the anti-Masonic excitement.

27 Letter from Holbrook to Gourgas as appears from a notation on the latter's letter of February 13, 1832.

28 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook, alluding to anti-Masonry, and saying, among other things "I only wish I could write and express myself as sensibly and elegantly as you do."

June 5 Letter from Gourgas to Holbrook: recounts his troubles, discouragements, expenditures unreimbursed, labours unrewarded, even with gratitude, and the uselessness and final resignation of the Commander [nominal] Sampson Simson, with copy of his letter to Gourgas, making known that he had resigned May 3, 1832. Gourgas also says that from 1814-15 his Supreme Council "remained in a profound sleep until the receipt of your

[Holbrook's] five circulars, dated, January, 1826. I was then called upon for to say what I thought was best to be done. My answer was plain: answer the circulars and either let go or go on."

1838

The diplomas and furniture of the Supreme Council were destroyed by the great fire in Charleston this year.

1842

Jan. — Adoniram Council No. 1, R. S. M., at Augusta, Ga., list of its officers at this date.

1844

Albert G. Mackey admitted Active member.

Albert Case admitted Active member.

John H. Honour admitted Active member.

Dec. 1 Moses Holbrook died in Florida.

15 Special meeting of the Supreme Council was held to pass on the recent death of Holbrook.

1845

Charter of the Consistory at Natchez, Miss., revoked.

John H. Honour elected Lieut. Grand Commander.

Charles M. Furman admitted Active member.

James C. Norris admitted Active member.

James S. Burgess admitted Active member.

Apr. 17 Northern Supreme Council addresses a confidential communication to Jacob De La Motta, Lt. Gr. Commander Southern Supreme Council.

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May 1 Circular notice issued by the Northern Supreme Council in consequence of a special session held on this date, referring to the legality of the Northern and Southern Supreme Councils and stating that as to the charge that they had been dormant or defunct: "At no time since the organization of our said Supreme Councils, have we been without our constitutional number of members."

5 Letter from Southern to Northern Council announcing death of Lt. Gr. Commander Jacob De La Motta.

19 Virginia Consistory at Lynchburg, Va., revived.

June 4 Virginia Consistory elects officers.

July 1 James C. Norris appears as Treasurer General. Session of the Supreme Council.

17 Letter signed by Giles F. Yates and Charles W. Moore of the Northern Supreme Council, to Albert G. Mackey, giving the names of its members and congratulating "you on the respectable organization of your Council" and "emulate the virtues and zeal of your distinguished predecessors and to maintain the eminent character and dignity of your Supreme Council which they so worthily sustained" and a "renewal of an old correspondence which has been suspended for nearly fifteen years."

Aug. 2 Special session of the Supreme Council which issued a manifesto to the Masonic world, giving its origin, etc.

Oct. 1 Northern Council refers to a communication lately received from Secretary General of Southern Council which "was read and received with feelings of satisfaction, &c."

Dec. 2 At a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina "A communication was received from the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, announcing the active existence of that body, and giving a list of its officers."

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John H. Honour elected Grand Commander and Charles M. Furman, Lieut. Grand Commander.

Sketch of Virginia Consistory at Lynchburg, Va., published.

Jan. 20 Albert G. Mackey in a letter to the Freemasons' Monthly Magazine, Boston, said "In Charleston, the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third are hard at work. We are now organizing a Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, which will go into operation in about a fortnight. After this we shall proceed to the establishment of a Council of Princes of Jerusalem and a Rose Croix Chapter, the materials for which are abundant. As soon as these bodies are completely organized, which will be by the end of February, I shall send you a list of the officers."

Mar. 20 The Northern Supreme Council issued a Balustre, directed to the Southern Supreme Council, signed by Gourgas and other officers which stated:

"After a long period of tribulation we are highly gratified in being enabled once more, with renewed vigor and activity, to resume with you Most Illustrious Brothers, our former relations of fraternal regard and love. To render stable these relations in the present position of affairs, eagle-eyed vigilance, a mutual well directed strong will, unity, firmness, and decision of purpose are absolutely necessary. We are called upon to encounter ambitious scheming, insidious over-reaching foreign foes, who are constantly innovating on the ancient constitutions and laws of our Illustrious Order and invading our mutual rights and prerogatives. We are bound to be constantly on the alert to watch the movements of these foes, and expose and counteract their plans. If, therefore your views and feelings on this subject are coincident with our own (and of this

we cannot doubt) there can be no hindrance to a perfect unity between us for every constitutional purpose, and for conjoint action in the defence of our mutual precincts against any and every aggressor and enemy of our beloved institution."

Then follows a long objurgation against certain acts and policies of the Grand Orient of France and the Supreme Council of France.

Apr. — Virginia Consistory at Lynchburg, Va., list of officers published.

Oct. 6 Northern Council refers to a notification (Contents not stated) received from the Secy. Gen. of Southern Council, of this date.

Nov. 27 John Robin McDaniel elected Commander in Chief of Virginia Consistory at Lynchburg.

Dec. 1 Grand Consistory of Virginia made returns to the Supreme Council.

1847

John Robin McDaniel admitted Active member.

William Spencer Rockwell admitted Active member.

June 24 Albert Case represented the Supreme Council at the celebration of St. John the Baptist Day, Worcester, Mass.

Oct. 24 Virginia Consistory and other Masonic bodies of Lynchburg held a called meeting on the death of James Dolan, one of its members.

1848

Albert G. Mackey wrote to the Freemasons' Monthly Magazine of Boston, issue of February 1, 1848:

"At a special session of the Supreme Council . . . for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of

America, our Illustrious Brother, John A. Quitman . . . Major General in the Army of the United States, was elected to fill a vacancy in this Supreme Council, and was duly and formally inaugurated a Sov. Gr. Insp. General of the 33d. All Consistories, Councils, Chapters, and Lodges under this jurisdiction, are hereby ordered to obey and respect him accordingly."

Achille Le Prince admitted Active member.

Mar. 4 He wrote to the Supreme Council accepting membership.

July 4 Gen. John A. Quitman, Active member, present at the cornerstone laying of the Washington monument, Washington, D. C.

1849

Jan. 16 The Grand Chapter of Florida adopted the following resolution (referring to the degrees of Royal and Select Master):

"And whereas the right to confer them is claimed by the Supreme Grand Council of the 33d and last Degree, and it appears to this G. R. A. Chapter that it would be an innovation to confer them as Chapter Degrees: Therefore,

"Be it resolved, That this G. R. A. Chapter now directs that the said Degrees shall not be given or claimed by this G. Chapter, or any of its subordinate Chapters, under this jurisdiction."

Mar. 24 G. F. Yates was requested on behalf of the Northern Council, to write the Southern Council for consent to establish a Lodge of Perfection in Washington, D. C.

Apr. 11 Letter from Giles Fonda Yates of the Northern Supreme Council to Mackey, referring to jurisdiction and boundary and requesting the latter's opinion regarding the

desire of several Masons from Washington, D. C., to receive from the Northern Jurisdiction the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

1850

Sometime this year, on the dissolution of the Cerneau Consistory in Charleston, S. C., the few remaining members took the oath of allegiance to the Southern Supreme Council.

June 10 Communication received from the Northern Supreme Council which also claimed jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, expressing a desire to have an understanding with the Southern Council with relation to these degrees.

1851

Achille Le Prince was made "Illustrious Captain of the Guards."

Virginia Consistory at Lynchburg made returns to the Supreme Council.

Jan. — St. Albans Council No. 2, R. S. M. was constituted at Darlington Court House, S. Carolina, and officers elected.

8 Albert Case, Active member, in a letter of this date said: "The Supreme Council of the 33d Degree has one vacancy which is soon to be filled by a worthy brother residing at Milledgeville, Georgia."

Feb. 5 Consistory at Natchez, Miss., reorganized.

Mar. 13 Reuben Nason appointed Deputy Inspector General for Louisiana and Mississippi.

15 Houston Council, R. S. M., Houston, Miss., organized.

- 27 Circular issued by the "Supreme Council of Louisiana" and incidentally referring to the Mother Supreme Council.
- Apr.* — List of members of the Supreme Council published this month.
Sketch of Virginia Consistory at Lynchburg published.
- 2 Kosciusko Council, R. S. M., Kosciusko, Miss., organized.
- 8 Pontotoc Council, R. S. M., Pontotoc, Miss., organized.
- 18 Circular letter issued by the Supreme Council regarding Blue Lodge Masons made in Scottish Rite bodies in New Orleans, and stating that it abstains from conferring the Blue Degrees in this country.
- 26 Circular from the Northern Supreme Council, embodying a decree of June 1, 1848, waiving its rights and privileges over the Blue Degrees. This circular of 1851 states: "Our thrice Ill. Sister, the Sup. Gr. Council of 33d, &c, at their Grand East, Charleston, S. C., for the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., has always been actuated by the same principles. These facts you may easily learn in all their details from our Ill. Brothers, Charles W. Moore, at Boston, Gr. Secretary for the North, and Albert G. Mackey, M. D., at Charleston, S. C., Gr. Secretary for the South. Also by referring for years back to the Masonic Magazines, of which they are editors."
- May* 1 It was announced that two vacancies were soon to be filled.
List of officers of the Supreme Council published.
- June* — List of officers of Virginia Consistory at Lynchburg, published.
- 7 Cayuga Council, R. S. M., Cayuga, Miss., organized.
- 19 Letter from Mackey, Secretary General, to Claude Samory at New Orleans, concerning the spurious Supreme Council there.

- July* 6 Reuben Nason, as Deputy, reported on his activities in Mississippi.
- 17 Session of the Supreme Council and manifesto issued by it, denouncing the attempt to form a Supreme Council in New York, with Jeremy L. Cross at its head.
- Aug.* 8 C. C. Sebring, Active member, certified to the genuineness of the patent issued to Jeremy L. Cross on June 24, 1824.
- Sep.* 5 The Northern Supreme Council, at a banquet, drank the healths of the members of the Southern Supreme Council.
Albert Case affiliated with the Northern Council (from the Southern Council).
- Dec.* — The Freemasons' Monthly Magazine, Boston, issued this month, stated "The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite was never in a more prosperous condition, both North and South, than it is at the present time."
- 11 Petition received for the establishment of a Consistory at New Orleans.
Letter from John Gedge of New Orleans, to Mackey forwarding a list of names of candidates for the proposed Consistory to be established by the Supreme Council there.
- 19 Letter to Mackey from Reuben Nason, Deputy in Louisiana and Mississippi, on Scottish Rite matters.

1852

- A lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Chapter of Rose Croix organized at Lake City, Florida, this year.
- Feb.* 2 Grand Consistory at New Orleans organized.
- 3 Secretary General Mackey announced the organization of this Grand Consistory.

- 16 Petition received for Mackey Council No. 1, R. S. M., at Tallahassee, Fla.
- Mar. — Supreme Council issued warrant for the establishment of the above Council.
- Apr. — Mackey states that John Robin McDaniel was admitted an Active member.
- 14 The Southern Council was complimented with a toast by the Northern Council.
- 21 Reuben Nason reported his acts to the Supreme Council and the conferring of the degrees of the Rite on brethren in Mississippi and the establishment of Councils of Royal and Select Masters.
- Aug. 20 Patent issued to Frederick Webber certifying him to be a Prince of the Royal Secret.
- 21 Grand Consistory of Kentucky chartered at Louisville.
- Sep. 10 Grand Commander Honour announced the organization of the Consistory at Louisville, Ky.
- Nov. 4 Supreme Council participated in the Centennial Celebration of the initiation of George Washington, the Grand Lodge of South Carolina sponsoring the event, the Freemasons' Monthly Magazine, Boston, stating that "The Supreme Grand Council, 33d, made a brilliant show in their dress of white and gold."

1853

- Jan. — Albert G. Mackey commenced the publication in his magazine *The Southern and Western Masonic Miscellany*: "A Monitor of the Ancient and Accepted, or Scotch Rite. For the use of Lodges of Perfection, Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapters of Rose Croix, Consistories . . . and Supreme Councils of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General."

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- Feb. 24 Circular of the Supreme Council of Louisiana at New Orleans, in which it referred to "the regular Supreme Councils in the United States."
- Mar. 23 The Grand Commander Northern Council said "I am happy in being able to report to you that our friendly relations with our cherished sister of the Southern Jurisdiction . . . remains as at our last convocation," and the committee to which his report was referred stated that "It is also most happy to learn from the same report that the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States continues to enjoy health, stability and power, under the skillful management of its able Commander."
- Apr. 22 Petition received for the establishment of Delta Lodge of Perfection at Alligator, Fla.
- 27 Delta Lodge of Perfection at Alligator, Fla., organized. Mackey Council Princes of Jerusalem organized at Alligator, Fla. Chapter of Rose Croix established at Alligator, Fla.

1854

- Jan. 18 Resolutions adopted by the Louisiana Supreme Council, looking towards holding fraternal intercourse with the Grand Consistory established by the Mother Supreme Council at New Orleans, with a view to establishing harmony in that city among the Scottish Rite brethren.
- Feb. 10 Letter from John H. Holland at New Orleans, to Mackey, on the subject of harmony.
- May 4 The Northern Council adopted unanimously the following resolution:
"Resolved, That this Supreme Council cherishes its accustomed good will towards, and its confidence in, its sister Grand Council in the Southern Jurisdiction of the United

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States, over which the Ill.°. M.°. P.°. Sov.°. Grand Commander, Rev. John H. Honour, presides, and in the fidelity and zeal of the Ill.°. Sovereigns thereto belonging; and that we have good reason to hope, that our unity and zealous devotion to the interests of Freemasonry in general, and these high grades in particular, will tend to preserve to us all the happy relations which now exist."

- 18 Circular issued by the Supreme Council at New Orleans (afterwards surrendering its rights to the Mother Supreme Council) regarding the conferring of degrees of the Rite on Master Masons.
- 23 Letter, signed by members of the Supreme Council of Louisiana, suggesting that the Supreme Council at Charleston take into consideration the question of the right of the former body to act as a Supreme Council.
- June 3 Mackey sends Pike some rituals and says he has been elected an honorary member of Pelican Chapter Rose Croix at Charleston.
- 24 Pelican Chapter Rose Croix at Charleston celebrates the festival of St. John the Baptist and elects officers.
- July 10 Letter from Edward Barnett at New Orleans, to Mackey, regarding a communication from Samory, Ladebat, and others, also of New Orleans, which is to be presented to Mackey by a brother visiting Charleston from New Orleans, on Scottish Rite difficulties.
- 14 Letter from Mackey to the Scottish Rite brethren in Louisiana regarding peaceful means of settling difficulties with respect to the Consistory there, under the obedience of the Mother Supreme Council.
- 19 Letter from Mackey to Samory at New Orleans relative to opening a correspondence in connection with the condition of the Rite in Louisiana.
- 26 Letter from Barnett to Mackey regarding settlement of difficulties in New Orleans.

- 27 Letter from Samory to Mackey expressing satisfaction at opening of correspondence between them.

Aug. — Special session of the Supreme Council to consider the proposition of the New Orleans Supreme Council looking towards a concordat.

- 1 Letter from Samory at New Orleans expressing satisfaction that the Mother Supreme Council would make an impartial investigation of the legality of the Supreme Council at New Orleans.
- 3 Letter from Mackey to Samory regarding a miscarried letter sent the latter, and expressing satisfaction at the proposed effort at reconciliation.
- 8 Letter from Mackey to Samory discussing the Grand Constitutions of 1786.
- 12 Letter from Samory to Mackey regarding negotiations between the Mother Supreme Council and that at New Orleans, with respect to articles of concordat.
Proposition submitted by the Louisiana Supreme Council to the Mother Supreme Council, for the latter's consideration in regard to a union between the two bodies.
- 25 Letter from Mackey to Samory regarding exceptions to several propositions on the proposed reconciliation.
Letter from Mackey to Ladebat at New Orleans regarding the terms of a concordat between the Mother Supreme Council and that at New Orleans.

- Sep. 4 Letter from Samory to Mackey referring to the illness of one of the members of the committee on reconciliation.
- 10 Letter from Mackey to Samory expressing regret at the illness of one of the members of the committee on reconciliation.
- Oct. 26 Letter from Mackey to Samory to the effect that he had not heard from him for some weeks and that some letters may have miscarried.

Letter from Samory to Mackey transmitting copies of the constitutions of 1762, 1786, etc.

Nov. — Albert Pike, then only a Scottish Rite Mason a little more than a year, said "There are but two legitimate Councils in the United States . . . that at Charleston [and] By its authority that at New York (now at Boston) was established."

18 Resolutions relative to the possible concordat with the Mother Supreme Council and that at New Orleans. Another on the same subject; another regarding their transmission to the Southern Supreme Council, all signed by Laffon De Ladebat at New Orleans.

25 Letter embodying resolutions relating to the merging of the Consistories in New Orleans, one under the Southern Supreme Council and one under the Louisiana Supreme Council, subject to a concordat with the two Supreme Councils.

Dec. 11 Letter from Ladebat at New Orleans, to Mackey, regarding the merging of the Consistory under the Supreme Council at Charleston, with the Consistory under the Supreme Council at New Orleans.

27 Supreme Council participated in the exercises in connection with the Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and at the banquet in the evening, Grand Commander John H. Honour responded to the toast "The Ineffable Degrees."

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Jan. 5 Letter from Samory at New Orleans relative to the settlement of difficulties there and the possibility of making arrangements with the Southern Supreme Council, looking towards an agreement between that body and the one in New Orleans.

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20 Letter from Laffon de Ladebat at New Orleans, discussing a concordat with the Supreme Council at Charleston and that at New Orleans.

23 Letter from Mackey relative to the two Consistories at New Orleans entering into an amicable settlement (one of them under the Supreme Council of Louisiana and one under the Southern Supreme Council).

30 Letter from Ladebat relative to the forthcoming submission of the Supreme Council at New Orleans to the Southern Supreme Council.

31 Letter from Edward Barnett at New Orleans, informing Mackey of the signing of the articles of agreement and concordat between the Louisiana Supreme Council and the Southern Supreme Council, subject to the ratification of the latter Supreme Council.

Feb. 1 Session of the Supreme Council.

3 Letter from Mackey to Samory stating that he would leave for New Orleans in connection with the proposed settlement between the two Supreme Councils.

16 Manuscript giving extracts from the minutes of the Supreme Council at New Orleans, relinquishing its rights and powers to the Southern Supreme Council.

Circular letter issued by the Supreme Council at New Orleans, giving notice of its dissolution and surrendering all its rights and powers to the Southern Supreme Council—one in English and one in French.

17 Circular notice from the Southern Supreme Council accepting the relinquishment of the rights and powers of the Louisiana Supreme Council and transferring them to the Southern Council, one in English and one in French.

List of Active members of the Louisiana Supreme Council transmitted to the Southern Council.

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- Mar.* 8 Session of the Supreme Council.
- 17 Letter from Samory relative to Lodges lately under the Louisiana Supreme Council, and other matters.
- 20 Circular notice addressed to the Supreme Councils relative to the healing of the difficulties in Louisiana, by the surrender of the Supreme Council there to the Southern Supreme Council.
- Session of the Supreme Council which adopted "Revised Statutes for the government of the Supreme Council," which statutes were printed during the year.
- 21 Notice to the Northern Supreme Council that the Supreme Council at New Orleans had surrendered all its rights and powers to the Southern Supreme Council and that "The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is now in a most prosperous and active condition."
- Letter from Mackey to Samory referring to an extraordinary session of the Supreme Council and to the appointment of a committee to prepare new copies of the ritual from the 4th to the 32nd inclusive, the committee being Mackey, Honour, Rockwell, Samory, and Pike.
- 29 Letter from Samory regarding a patent to Achille R. Morel, Active member from Louisiana (then in California) which would be useful to him in introducing the Rite in that state.
- Apr.* 14 Foyer Maconique Chapter Rose Croix established at New Orleans.
- 19 Letter from Mackey to Samory relative to the request of the latter to confer the 33rd degree on a gentleman from Louisiana.
- June* 8 Letter from Samory relative to the same.
- 12 Letter from Mackey to Samory relative to same.
- 18 Letter from Grand Commander Honour to Samory authorizing the conferring of this degree on the gentleman.

- July* 16 Letter from Samory to Honour acknowledging this authority.
- Aug.* 29 Letter from Mackey to Samory relative to Achille Morel representing this Supreme Council on his visit to France.
- Sep.* 13 Pike wrote Mackey that he was revising certain Scottish Rite degrees.

1856

- Feb.* 17 Letter from Samory at New Orleans, to Mackey, regarding difficulties there.
- 19 Letter from Laffon de Ladebat at New Orleans, to Mackey, transmitting several translations of French letters.
- 23 Session of the Supreme Council.
- Letter from Mackey to Samory transmitting resolutions adopted at this session for the purpose of filling a vacancy caused by the death of Inspector General James C. Norris.
- Mar.* 5 List of officers of Delta Lodge of Perfection, Alligator, Fla., published.
- 8 Letter from Samory to Mackey on matters connected with the Rite in Louisiana.
- June* 21 Communication from 33rds in New Orleans to Grand Commander Honour, on several matters relating to the Rite.
- 22 Pelican Chapter Rose Croix, New Orleans, established.
- 23 Resolutions of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana in respect to certain spurious Scottish Rite bodies in New Orleans.

- July* 8 Eagle Council of Kadosh established at New Orleans, La.
- 13 Patent issued to Francisco Zerega, Colonel of Artillery in the Mexican army, issued by Giles Fonda Yates, certifying that Zerega was possessed of all the Scottish Rite degrees to the 32° and a Deputy Grand Inspector General, and stating that Yates was a representative of this Supreme Council near the Northern Supreme Council, and attested as a true copy by Samory of New Orleans.
- Aug.* 14 Regulations adopted by the Grand Consistory of Louisiana, and among other things, acknowledging its obedience to the Southern Supreme Council.
- 19 Letter from Albert Case to Samory at New Orleans, on Scottish Rite matters and stating "I was formerly a member of the Council at Charleston . . . I came north in 1844 and united with this Grand Body [Northern Supreme Council]."
- Sep.* 13 Letter from Samory to Mackey on ritualistic and other matters.
- Oct.* 5 Letter from Mackey to Samory on the same subject.
- Nov.* 5 Letter from the 33rds in New Orleans recommending Claude Samory for Active membership.
- 8 Letter from Ladebat to Mackey on Scottish Rite matters.
- 20 Special session of the Supreme Council. Claude Samory admitted Active member.
- 22 Letter from Mackey to Ladebat at New Orleans transmitting certain resolutions passed by the Supreme Council.
- 23 Letter from Mackey to Samory notifying him of his election to Active membership.

- Jan.* — Letter from Mackey to Samory, among other things stating that Pike had recently spent a week with him.
- 24 Letter from Mackey to Samory stating that he was about to leave for New Orleans and that the Supreme Council had recently authorized the brethren in New Orleans to confer the 33rd degree on several members there.
- Feb.* 10 Letter from Grand Commander Honour acknowledging receipt of some rituals from Ladebat.
- 14 Session of the Supreme Council at New Orleans.
- Mar.* 31 Pike wrote Mackey that he was sending him a copy of the revised rituals and that he had shown it to Yates in New York, "who admires it very much and wishes to adopt it in his Consistory if the Supreme Council of the South does so."
- Apr.* 25 Albert Pike received the 33rd degree at an adjourned session of the Supreme Council in New Orleans.
- 29 Pike said "I have been elected a Deputy of the Supreme Council" and speaks of the revision of the rituals.
- May* 22 Acacia Lodge of Perfection established at Little Rock, Ark.
- June* — About this time a Chapter of Rose Croix was established at Alligator, Fla.
- 15 Special session of the Supreme Council at Charleston, which issued a manifesto against the spurious "Foulhouze" Supreme Council of Louisiana.
- 19 Letter from Mackey to Samory regarding the spurious Supreme Council presided over by James Foulhouze.
- July* 8 Pike writes to Mackey about his esoteric work on the Scottish Rite degrees, which Mackey styles "The Magnum Opus" or Great Work.

- Oct. 8 Kedron Council Princes of Jerusalem established at Little Rock, Ark.
- 20 Excelsior Chapter Rose Croix established at Little Rock, Ark.
- 28 Godfrey de St. Omer Council of Kadosh established at Little Rock, Ark.

1858

- Jan. 11 Letter from Mackey to Samory in which he says that the diplomas and furniture of the Supreme Council were destroyed in the great fire in Charleston, in 1838; that he had received a document from the Supreme Council of Peru, and that Bro. Eldredge was our Representative to that Supreme Council.
- 19 Letter from Laffon de Ladebat to Mackey on Scottish Rite matters.
- Feb. 2 Allegiance of Richard F. Knott at Charleston acknowledging the Supreme Council and stating that he would act as Deputy Inspector in establishing the Rite in California and Oregon.
- 3 Document subscribed to by the 33rds in New Orleans acknowledging allegiance to the Supreme Council.
- Mar. 20 James Foulhouze, who established the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana, was expelled from the Scottish Rite by direction of the Supreme Council.
Albert Pike admitted Active member of the Supreme Council.
- May 8 Letter from Mackey to Samory stating that at a late session of the Supreme Council Pike had been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. C. Norris.
- 15 Letter from Samory assenting to the making of Pike an Active member.

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- June 3 Pike writes Mackey regarding certain rituals of the Scottish Rite.

- July 7 Mackey wrote to Pike "You can well imagine the pleasure with which I tell you that my ardent wish for so many years has at length been accomplished, and that I am now enabled officially to inform you that you have been elected an Active member of the Supreme Council" and that he [Mackey] had just received his appointment from Prince Murat as the Representative of the Grand Orient of France near the Southern Supreme Council.

- 20 Pike writes to Mackey concerning Scottish Rite matters.
- 23 Circular issued by the Deputies of the Supreme Council (in Louisiana) containing copies of notices from the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of France appointing Mackey their Representative near this Supreme Council and acknowledging Beugnot the Representative of this Supreme Council near that of France.

- Aug. 2 Grand Consistory of Arkansas inaugurated.
- 13 Resignation of John H. Honour as Grand Commander.
Charles M. Furman became Acting Grand Commander.
- 14 Letter from Mackey to the effect that Honour had resigned, and requesting a vote from the Inspectors on his successor and that Pike had been nominated.
- 20 Letter from Mackey to Samory referring to the resignation of Honour and requesting Samory to make his nomination for a successor and that John Robin McDaniel, Active member, had already nominated Pike.
- 30 Letter of Pike to Mackey reporting the issuance of Letters Patent of Constitution for the Grand Consistory of Arkansas.

- Sep. 20 Pike wrote to Mackey regarding the appointment of Beugnot as Representative of this Supreme Council near that of France.

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Dec. 31 Pike wrote Mackey, among other things saying "I have with me the 'Extracts and Documents connected with the History of Free-Masonry in France' ready for the press. If Macoy don't set about printing them, I shall turn the whole mass over to you." He also refers to Charles Scott as Deputy Inspector for Tennessee and that Penn agrees to help him in getting up a Consistory at Memphis, and "I will send Scott the MSS. [new] work of the 18th, 30th and 31st and 32d." "I will soon have copies for *you* of the 18th and 30th; will have copies of the 31st and 32d made here."

1859

- Jan.* 1 Letter of Mackey touching certain rights of 33rds.
- 3 Albert Pike officially proclaimed Grand Commander.
- 5 Pike writes to Mackey: "I shall accept the office of Sov. : Grand Commander with reluctance, since I know that, if the duties of the office are *well* performed, they involve both labour and responsibility. But I have the advancement of the Scottish Rite too much at heart to decline to accept an office, how responsible soever, conferred on me by so flattering a vote; and I can only promise that I will omit no exertion to propagate and extend the Scottish Rite, and also to make it *worthy* to be propagated and extended among Masons of intellect and learning."

